(a) whether it is a fact that large number of NOCs have been issued by the Directorate of Printing to various Government Departments to get their jobs printed/executed from the Private Printers; and

(b) if so, the details of all such NOCs which were issued to various Government Departments during the period from January, 1994 to December, 1999?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the number of NOCs issued by the Directorate of Printing to various Government Departments to get their jobs printed/executed from the Private Printers constitute about 1% of the total jobs received for printing in the various Government of India Presses during the period from January, 1994 to December, 1999.

Purchase of Excess Printing Paper by DOP

432. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Directorate of Printing had purchased a huge quantity of printing paper worth crores of rupees during the period from January, 1991 to December, 1997 far in excess of the requirements of various Government Presses; and

(b) if so, the total quantity of paper purchased during the said period and the names of the suppliers firms/companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Model Act for all Municipal Corporation

433. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are in the process of preparation of a Model—Act